

Ball, Andrews M.

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Answered

404 Robt Street
Halifax
20th April 1915

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Rev R. A. Falconer D.D.
Toronto

Dear Dr Falconer

I take the liberty of writing to ask your assistance in a further effort that I am making to get my son released from prison in Germany.

I have learned that three Canadians who were interned there since the war opened have been released, in each case, as I am informed, because of special circumstances. I am trying to urge every "special circumstance" possible, and as he holds the degree of Ph.D. (or did till his University at Göttingen revoked their action after war was declared) I have thought that possibly the action of the Toronto University in dealing with the German Professors might be used in his case.

Will you then do me the favor to send me in the most official manner, with seal of the University attached etc. a statement of the case, so that the favor shown to German Educationists in Canada may be urged in the interest of a Canadian Embryo Educationist in Germany. Please accept my thanks in advance and believe me with kindest regards
Yours sincerely
H. M. Bell

April 24th, 1915

A. M. Bell, Esq.,

Halifax, N.S.

Dear Mr. Bell:

I am very sorry to learn that your son has not been released from prison in Germany. One of our graduates got home recently after a very trying experience. I know that the High Commissioner at London used his influence to have him released.

I am glad to enclose you an official account of what was done by the Board of Governors in connection with the German Professors in the University of Toronto, though it is doubtful, I am afraid, whether it will be of much service to you. You have my deep sympathy in the matter.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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April 24th, 1915

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Having been requested by Mr. A. M. Bell of Halifax to provide him with an official account of the action of the University of Toronto in connection with Professors of German nationality during this winter I make herewith the following statement:

There were on the staff three gentlemen of German nationality holding teaching positions in this University, Professor I. Penzinger, Associate-Professor P.W. Mueller and Lecturer Bonno Tapper. It was resolved in view of the present war that these three gentlemen should be granted leave of absence from their teaching duties in the University on full salary until the end of the present academic year. Mr. Tapper left immediately to resume his studies in the University of Chicago, where he is hoping to receive the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Professor Penzinger of his own accord resigned his position in January and has gone to the United States, where he is I understand to receive an appointment very soon. Professor Mueller is still on the staff of the University. The action in granting leave of absence was taken by the Board of Governors in the month of December, 1914.

President.

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May 3rd, 1915

A. M. Bell, Esq.,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Mr. Bell:

The name of the graduate of the University who
reached home after having been a prisoner in Germany is Elmer, L.
Luch, and his present address is

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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Front St.
Belleville